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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS:DA GL MARR  
SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO GREENLAND

1. FOLLOWING LETTER, DATED 10 APRIL 1974 FROM DANISH  
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, 29 STRANDGADE, COPENHAGEN,  
WAS ADDRESSED TO OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
SECTION FOR ATOMIC ENERGY AND REFERRED TO AIR FORCE  
FOR ACTION. QUOTE. DEAR SIR. THE DANISH ATOMIC  
ENERGY COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT SCIENTISTS  
FROM THE AECS RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT RI THIS SUMMER  
INTEND TO MAKE A SUPPLEMENTARY ECOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION  
FOLLOWING THOSE UNDERTAKEN IN 1968 AND 1970 IN THE THULE  
AREA IN GREENLAND. THE PURPOSE IS TO GATHER FURTHER  
INFORMATION ON WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE PLUTONIUM DERIVING  
FROM THE THULE - ACCIDENT. THE EXPEDITION IS PLANNED FOR  
THE PERIOD JULY 30 TO AUGUST 20, 1974 AND YOU ARE THERE-  
FORE KINDLY REQUESTED TO INFORM THE US HEADQUARTERS AT  
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THE THULE AIR BASE ABOUT THE EXPEDITION, WHICH WILL CONSIST

OF FOUR PERSONS FROM DENMARK HEADED BY MR. K. POPP-MADSEN, FROM THE DANISH INSTITUTE FOR FISHERY - AND MARINE RESEARCH. POSSIBLY A NUMBER OF US SCIENTISTS (PROBABLY NOT MORE THAN 3) WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THE EXPEDITION. WE SHOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE HELP OF THE HEADQUARTERS WITH RESPECT TO LOGISTIC ASSISTANCE AND WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF A HELICOPTER COULD BE PROVIDED AS WAS THE CASE DURING THE EARLIER

EXPEDITIONS. YOUR SINCERELY. ERIK BASTRUP-BIRK,  
DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL. UNQUOTE.

2. AIR FORCE FILES DO NOT INDICATE WHETHER ANY PREVIOUS ACTIVITIES INCLUDED AMERICAN SCIENTISTS. WHILE HAVING NO HESITANCY TO RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY TO DANISH GOVERNMENT REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN GREENLAND, AIR FORCE IS CONCERNED ABOUT AMERICAN SCIENTISTS. IN VIEW PAST ACTIONS OF SOME ELEMENTS US SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY IN "BAN THE BOMB" AND OTHER SIMILAR ACTIVITIES, CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT THAT LEGITIMATE DANISH INTERESTS IN AFTER EFFECTS OF 1968 ACCIDENT NOT BE USED BY IRRESPONSIBLE SOURCES FOR ATTACK ON US ACTIVITIES IN GREENLAND. DEPARTMENT THEREFORE DESIRES KNOW NAMES OF US SCIENTISTS AND ANY RELEVANT INFO EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE.

3. AIR FORCE WILL ATTEMPT TO COOPERATE AT THULE, BUT, AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, HELICOPTER AND OTHER LOGISTICS SUPPORT IS LIMITED. AS FAR AS AIR FORCE IS AWARE, THERE ARE NO UNDESIRABLE AFTER EFFECTS OF ACCIDENT AND ANY INFORMATION ON THIS DEVELOPED BY VISIT OF COMPETENT SCIENTISTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED BY AIR FORCE. HOPEFULLY, THIS DATA WOULD CONFIRM RESULTS OF FOLLOW-ON INVESTIGATIONS OF OTHER ACCIDENTS WHICH HAVE DISCLOSED NO CONTINUING ADVERSE EFFECTS UPON ENVIRONMENT. AIR FORCE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE INDICATION WHETHER DANES WOULD PERMIT ONE OR MORE TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED PERSONS FROM THEIR DIRECTORATE OF NUCLEAR SAFETY TO JOIN THE PARTY. RUSH

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